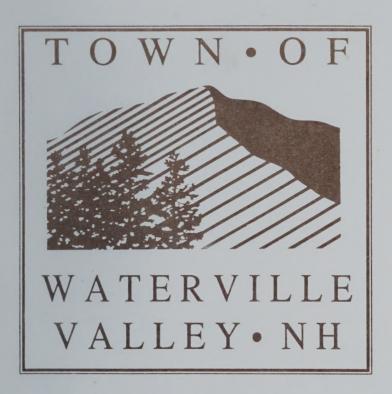
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ANNUAL REPORT 1997

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of

Waterville Valley, N.H.

YEAR ENDED

December 31, 1997



This Annual Report
of the
Town of Waterville Valley
is dedicated with gratitude

RALPH H. BEAN

Ralph was indeed the heart and soul of Waterville Valley for that period of years when he was the owner operator of the Inn. He was host, road agent and maintenance man, cook, resident politician, golf pro and all around good friend and confidante.

Ralph's love for the Valley was total and his feelings radiated so strongly to those who crossed the threshhold of his inn that a good number of them became "cottage owners" in his Valley.

His New England, Yankee heritage was the basis for his life and it was evidenced in his pride of community, his devotion to family, and his practical manner in dealing with life.

Ralph had a handshake and a comment for everyone. He always had a minute to stop and talk as he enjoyed his fellow man immensely; and likewise, everyone liked and enjoyed Ralph—He was one of a kind.

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TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Joan M. Eaton, Chairman - 1998 (resigned)

** W. David Pike - 1998 (appointed)

Thomas A. Corcoran - 1999 Kevin C. Morse - 2000

Donald Jasinski **MODERATOR** - 1998 TOWN CLERK Herbert G. Reid - 1998 TAX COLLECTOR Herbert G. Reid - 1998 **TREASURER** Joan V. Sweeney - 1998 Robert Falconi - 1998 AUDITOR **TOWN MANAGER** Sally D. Harris - Appointed - Appointed FOREST FIRE WARDEN Bruce M. Andrew Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Appointed **HEALTH OFFICER**

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Joan Sweeney - 1998

Marcia Leavitt - 2000 Nancy E. Baker - 2002

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Betty Rathman - 2000

Nancy E. Baker - 1999 Joan Sweeney - 1998

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Deborah Haliday, Chairman - 1998

Audrey Trinque - 2000 (resigned)

David Best - 1998

Bonnie O'Hara - 2000

Susan Brunvand - 1999

Connie Falconi - 2000 (appointed)

PLANNING BOARD

H. Devereaux Jennings, Chairman - 2000 (resigned)

Beth B. Upton - 1999 Donald Jasinski - 2000 Alfred N. Hunt - 2000 Bruce M. Andrew - 1998

Daniel O'Connell - 1998 W. David Pike, Ex officio

William Feather - 2000

Alternates

Maurice N. Pease - 1998

Patricia Reynolds-Jung - 1999 Marianne Gorwood - 2000

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Thomas R. Gross, Chairman - 2000

Bruce M. Andrew - 1999
Timothy Rosewarne - 1998
Tor Brunvand - 1999
Nancy E. Baker - 2000

Alternates

George Haliday - 1999

^{**} Denotes term expiration

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

TOWN OFFICE

Sally D. Harris - Town Manager Rachel M. LeBlanc - Bookkeeper Sandra J. Prescott - Receptionist-Dispatcher Donald Jasinski - Building Inspector

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Timothy M. Kingston - Superintendent, Wastewater/Solid Waste
Charles W. Cheney - Superintendent, Water/Highways/Maintenance
Richard J. Merrill
Greg A. Campbell
Wayne E. Superchi
Arthur C. Joyce, Jr.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Kim A. Worthley, Director

Carol Floey Melissa Roy Shannon Hurley David Webster

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DIVISION

Tom E. Smith - Chief
Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Deputy Chief
John F. Foley, Jr. - Captain
Joseph A. McComiskey, Jr. - Officer
Michael D. Schumann - Officer
Frederic James, III - Officer
Part-Time Officers

Jonathan D. France Clinton N. Hutchins

Kevin G. Maes Jeffrey Stone

Robert MacLeod

FIRE DIVISION

Bruce M. Andrew - Chief
Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Deputy Chief
Tom E. Smith - Captain
John F. Foley, Jr. - Captain
Timothy R. Rosewarne - Lieutenant
Joseph A. McComiskey, Jr. - Officer
Michael D. Schumann - Officer
Frederic James, III - Officer

Volunteers

Candace Andrew
Lee Bruno
Bill Feather
S. M. Fistick
Jonathan D. France
Tom Hoyt
Alfred Hunt
Bridget Hunt
Charles King
Richard Klaudt

Timothy McLeod
Scott McNeil
Richard Merrill
Douglas Moorhead
Ramon O'Hara
Paul Quinn
Leslie Rosewarne
Carol Sue Sanchez
Jeffrey Stone
Susannah VonIderstine

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. EMT-I - Director Timothy R. Rosewarne EMT - Assistant Director

Tom E. Smith - EMT John F. Foley - EMT

Joseph A. McComiskey, Jr. - EMT Michael D. Schumann - PARAMEDIC Frederic James, III - EMT

Volunteers

Holly Burbank EMT Bill Feather EMT Jonathan D. France EMT Bridget Hunt PARAMEDIC Charles King EMT I Karen McComiskey EMT Timothy McLeod AFA
Paul Quinn EMT
Carol Sue Sanchez PARAMEDIC
Kelly Schumann PARAMEDIC
Jeffrey Stone PARAMEDIC
Susannah VonIderstine EMT

MEETING TIMES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Selectmen: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month, 8:00 a.m.

Rust Municipal Building

Planning Board: 2nd Thursday of Month, 8:00 a.m.

Rust Municipal Building

Conservation Commission: 2nd Tuesday of Month, 8:00 a.m.

Rust Municipal Building

Library Trustees: 1st Thursday of Month, 4:00 p.m.

Osceola Library

Board of Adjustment: As Applications Require, 7:00 p.m.

Rust Municipal Building

Town Office: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday Rust Municipal Building

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Waterville Valley in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs;

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rust Municipal Building in said Waterville Valley on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, polls to open for voting on Article 1 and 2 at seven o'clock in the morning and to close no earlier than two o'clock in the afternoon at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles on this warrant.

Article 1: To elect for the ensuing year the following Town Officers which appear on the official town ballot: Selectman, Moderator, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Auditor, Supervisor of the Checklist, and Library Trustee.

This article will be acted on by official ballot.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the powers and duties of the office of Collector of Taxes from said office to that of Town Manager in accordance with RSA 37:16-17.

This article will be acted on by official ballot.

Article 3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the cost of the removal of biosolids from the primary lagoon and the upgrading of the air system in both lagoons serving the wastewater treatment facility, and to authorize the issuance of municipal bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Town Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Two-thirds ballot vote required.

Article 4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the cost of the purchase of a solid waste collection vehicle and related dumpsters, and to authorize the issuance of municipal bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Town Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize Town Officials to negotiate the sale of the present 1988 solid waste vehicle with such sum applied against the amount raised, and with any additional funds needed being raised by general taxation.

This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Two-thirds ballot vote required.

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the cost of improvements to the ice arena including the purchase of an ice surfacing machine and the retrofitting of the dasher board system, and to authorize the issuance of municipal bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter33), and to authorize the Town Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Two-thirds ballot vote required.

Article 6: To hear the report of agents, auditors, and committees of officers chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,123,696 for general town operations during the ensuing year.

Water 93,020 Solid Waste 134,823 Total 571,759 Town Officers Salaries 6,650 Town Office Expenses 169,525 Public Safety Department 354,331 Recreation Department 131,676 Curious George Cottage 3,000 Highway Department 86,625 Ice Arena 214,670 Town Building Maintenance 28,211 Grounds 2,000 Property Appraisal 4,000 Conservation Commission 1,000 Cemetery 1,500
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Cemetery 1 500
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Insect Control 100
Legal Services 5,000
Transit System 32,000
Planning, Zoning, and Surveying 3,500
Insurance 54,112
Hospitals and Health 4,321
Street Lighting 5,500
Library 5,800
Parks, Playgrounds, and Concerts 10,000
Advertising and Regional Associations 12,408
Employee Benefits 151,878
Debt Service: Principal 151,555
Interest—Bonds and Notes 73,775
Interest—Tax Anticipation 26,800
Contingency 12,000
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Article 8: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 674:40-a, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept streets which are dedicated to the public and which correspond in location and lines with streets shown on subdivision plats, site plans or street plats approved by the Waterville Valley Planning Board.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:30, 1(f) and 149-M:17, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and as posted with this warrant.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Solid Waste Container Enclosure Ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, 1(f) and 149-M:17, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and as posted with this warrant.

Article 11: To transact any other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-eight.

The Board of Selectmen W. David Pike Thomas A. Corcoran Kevin C. MOrse

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the Warrant and Town Budget to be posted at the Town Office Building, the Post Office, and the Elementary School on February 20, 1998.

The Board of Selectmen W. David Pike Thomas A. Corcoran Kevin C. MOrse

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY Appropriations and Expenditures - 1997 Requested Appropriations - 1998

Requested Appropriations - 1998	1997	1997	1998	70
	****	ns Expenditure		+ or -
Municipal Services Department: Wastev	vater 352,629	339,383	343,916	1.30%
Water	99,419	90,845	93,020	2.40%
Sub tot	al 452,048	420.229	436,936	1.60%
Solid V		430,228 131,255	134,823	2.70%
MSD T	Total 577,606	561,483	571,759	1.8%
Town Officers' Salaries	7,850	7,850	6,650	-15.3%
Town Office Expense	161,479	159,133	169,525	4.0%
Public Safety Department	337,081	334,931	354,331	5.8%
Recreation Department	121,110	119,999	131,676	9.7%
Highway Department	82,000	82,431	86,625	5.1%
Town Buildings Maintenance	26,760	27,272	28,211	3.4%
Property Appraisal	4,000	3,200	4,000	25.0%
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Insect Control	100	60	100	66.7%
Cemetery	1,300	1,456	1.500	3.0%
Legal Services	5,000	4,139	5,000	20.8%
Transit System	32,000	32,047	32,000	-0.1%
Planning, Zoning, and Surveying	1,500	1,230	3,500	184.6%
Insurance	40,759	41,370	54,112	30.8%
Hospitals and Health	4,348	4,348	4,321	-0.6%
*	5,000	5,069	5,500	8.5%
Street Lighting	5,800	,		-15.0%
Library		6,825	5,800	
Parks, Playgrounds, and Concerts	10,000	10,088	10,000	-0.9%
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,461	2,461	2,408	-2.2%
Employee Benefits	122,189	128,820	151,878	17.9%
Debt Service: Principal	151,555	151,555	151,555	0.0%
Interest—Bonds & Notes	82,139	81,513	73,775	-9.5%
Interest—Tax Anticipation	35,500	32,995	26,800	-18.8%
	1,818,537		1,885,068	4.5%
Contingency	12,000	11,314	12,000	6.1%
Total Operating Budget	1,830,537	1,812,589	1,894,026	4.5%
WVRA Marketing Program	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Grounds Maintenance	10,450	7,386	2,000	
Curious George Cottage	5,000	4,259	3,000	
Ice Arena Operation	68,000	77,141	211,470	
Total Appropriations	1,923,987	1,911,375	2,123,696	11.1%
Capital-Sludge Removal/Lagoon Air Upgr	rade		450,000	
Capital-Solid Waste Vehicle/Dumpsters			166,300	
Capital-Ice Resurfacing Machine			60,000	
Capital-Dasher Board Reconstruction			20,000	
	1,923,987	1,911,375	2,819,996	

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY

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Revenues -	- 1997 & 19	998	
	1997	1997	1998
	Estimate	Actuals	Projected
Municipal Services Department:	======		
Wastewater	271,200	269,784	272,500
Water	199,800	199,276	202,800
Subtotal	471,000	469,060	475,300
Solid Waste	46,000	46,830	47,000
MSD Total	517,000	515,890	522,300
Interest/Penalties on Taxes	18,500	15,430	15,000
Interest on Deposits	2,000	4,564	3,500
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	16,061	16,564	16,563
Highway Block Grant	5,746	6,029	5,962
State Aid—Sewage Treatment	32,246	32,246	31,034
Reimbursement-Forest Lands Yield Taxes	7,820	7,182	7,182
Motor Vehicle Fees	42,500	52,650	50,000
Dog Licenses	150	116	100
Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000	5,078	5,000
Public Safety Department	36,000	57,704	44,500
Recreation Department	48,925	53,837	57,050
CATV Franchise	12,200	10,640	12,000
Sale of Equipment		2,970	
Rents of Property	6,500	5,875	
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,865	4,000
Fund Balance	25,000		25,000
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	779,648	791,640	799,191
Ice Arena	55,000	58,563	249,860
	834,648	850,203	1,049,051
Proceeds/New Borrowings			696,300

834,648 850,203 1,745,351

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

Assets	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u> "
Cash	\$118,100	\$87,214
Accounts Receivable Current Year Property Taxes	191,170	246,851
Prior Year Property Taxes	16,767	9,585
Other Taxes	142 666	140 200
Municipal Service—Usage Other	143,666 8,218	149,288 7,131
Total Comment Assets	477,921	500,069
Total Current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment:	477,921	300,009
Library	16,550	16,550
Storage Shed	14,742	14,742
Public Safety/Town Office Depts.	1,309,073	1,309,073
Municipal Services Department	3,159,390	3,159,390
Highway Department	127,253	127,253
Skating Rink Cemetery	1,400,000 21,595	1,400,000 21,595
Bridges	22,500	22,500
Land	12,000	12,000
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	6,083,103	6,083,103
Less: Accumulated Amortization	-3,702,284	-3,456,329
Net Property Plant and Equipment	2,380,819	2,626,774
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Total Assets	\$2,858,740	\$3,126,843
	\$2,858,740	\$3,126,843
Liabilities and Equity	=======	
Liabilities and Equity Accounts Payable		
Liabilities and Equity	\$56,007 230,000	\$43,095 230,000
Liabilities and Equity Accounts Payable Current Portion of Long-Term Debt: Bonds Notes	\$56,007 230,000 15,955	\$43,095 230,000 15,955
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TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Cash Provided By: Decrease in Accounts Receivable Decrease in Taxes Receivable Increase in Accounts Payable Excess in Revenues	4,535 48,499 12,912 25,476	
Total Cash Provided		\$91,422
Cash Used For: Decrease in Amount Due School	60,536	
Total Cash Used For		60,536
Increase in Cash		30,886
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1997		87,214
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1997		\$118,100

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

			Net
	Expenditures	Revenues	Expenditures
Responsibility of Selectmen:			
Municipal Services:	A400 (00	#204.20 6	A00 277
Wastewater	\$402,683	\$304,306	\$98,377
Water	95,318	199,336	-104,018
Solid Waste	117,749	45,866	71,883
	615,750	549,508	66,242
Public Safety	475,009	41,771	433,238
Recreation	136,689	51,427	85,262
Highways & Street Lighting	85,296	01,.27	85,296
Transit System	31,803		31,803
Hospitals & Health	4,239		4,239
Parks, Playgrounds & Concerts	10,184		10,184
Library	5,881		5,881
WVRA Marketing Program	10,000		10,000
Advertising & Regional Assns.	2,449		2,449
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Administration & General:			
Town Office	185,806		185,806
Town Officers' Salaries	7,850		7,850
Insurance	37,584		37,584
Interest	34,595	20,667	13,928
Town Buildings	191,432		191,432
Other	46,722	38,777	7,945
Total	\$1,881,289	\$702,150	\$1,179,139
General Revenues:			
State Shared Revenue		16,061	
State Highway Block Grant		4,654	
Reimbursement—Forest Lands		7,820	
Local Funds: Licenses and Fees		48,128	
Total General Revenues		76,663	76,663
Total Revenue		\$778,813	***************************************
Net Expenditures, Selectmen's Respon	sibility		1,102,476
Grafton County Tax			269,193
School District			656,202
Total Net Expenditures			2,027,871
Property Tax Revenues		2,046,730	
Less: Abatements		6,140	2,040,590
		0,140	2,040,390
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures			\$12,719
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TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

			Net
	Expenditures	Revenues	Expenditures
Responsibility of Selectmen:	•		·
Municipal Services:			
Wastewater	\$339,383	\$302,030	\$37,353
Water	90,845	199,276	(108,431).
Solid Waste	131,255	46,830	84,425
	561 402	5/10/126	12 247
	561,483	548,136	13,347
Public Safety	469,948	57,704	412,244
Recreation	142,841	53,837	89,004
Ice Arena	219,698	64,438	155,260
Highways & Street Lighting	107,676	07,730	107,676
Transit System	32,047		32,047
Hospitals & Health	4,348		4,348
	10,088		10,088
Parks, Playgrounds & Concerts	•		,
Library	6,825		6,825
WVRA Marketing Program	10,000		10,000
Advertising & Regional Assns.	2,461		2,461
Administration & General:			
Town Office	187,349		187,349
Town Officers' Salaries	7,850		7,850
Insurance	41,370		41,370
Interest	32,995	19,994	13,001
Town Buildings	44,611		44,611
Other	29,785	18,475	11,310
Total	\$1,911,375	\$762,584	\$1,148,791
General Revenues:			
State Shared Revenue		16,564	
State Highway Block Grant		6,029	
ReimbursementForest Lands		7,182	
Local Funds: Licenses and Fees		57,844	
			07.610
Total General Revenues		87,619	87,619
Total Revenue		\$850,203	
Net Expenditures, Selectmen's Respons	ibility		1,061,172
Grafton County Tax			260,888
School District			534,544
Total Net Expenditures			1,856,604
Property Tax Revenues		1,914,265	
Less: Abatements		32,185	1,882,080
Excess of Revenue over			\$25,476
Expenditures			

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following notes apply to the operating statement, balance sheet, and the statement of changes of cash.

- 1. Accounting Principles. Amounts are stated on a modified accrual basis.
- 2. Debt Service. Debt Service is reported as an expenditure for the programs financed by the debt. These amounts are in lieu of depreciation and interest charges for these programs. Amounts are as follows:

Municipal Services:	Principal	Interest	Total
Wastewater	\$75,470	\$32,029	\$107,499
Water	18,930	15,439	34,369
	94,400	47,468	141,868
Public Safety	64,071	12,498	76,569
Ice Arena	70,000	65,167	135,167
Highways	6,884	2,375	9,259
Town Buildings	10,600	1,473	12,073
	\$245,955	\$128,981	\$374,936
		======	======

3. Employee Benefits. Employee Benefits were allocated to programs as follows:

Municipal Services: Wastewater Water Solid Waste	\$22,170 5,374 11,589
	39,133
Public Safety	58,448
Town Office	28,216
Recreation	22,842
Highways	10,917
Ice Arena	7,390
Town Buildings	1,007
	\$167,953
	======

BONDED DEBT MATURITY SCHEDULE

Town Office Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 8.75% Sewer Department Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 5.2%

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	10,000	768	10,768	60,000	17,160	77,160
1999			ĺ	60,000	14,040	74,040
2000				60,000	10,920	70,920
2001				60,000	7,800	67,800
2002				60,000	4,680	64,680
2003				60,000	1,560	61,560
2004						
2005						
2006						
2007						
2008						
2009						
2010						
2011						
2012						
2013						
2014						
2015						
	10,000	768	10,768	360,000	56,160	416,160

Skating Arena, Solid Waste Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 8.75% Sewer Line, Maintenance Bay & Water Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 8.75%

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BONDED DEBT MATURITY SCHEDULE

Water Line, Fire Truck Bonded Debt 100% Bonded at 7.44% Fire Truck Bonded Debt 100% Bonded at 6.5%

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	50,000	11,893	61,893	20,000	5,200	25,200
1999	15,000	9,476	24,476	20,000	3,900	23,900
2000	15,000	8,333	23,333	20,000	2,600	22,600
2001	15,000	7,170	22,170	20,000	1,300	21,300
2002	15,000	5,985	20,985			
2003	15,000	4,778	19,778			
2004	10,000	3,760	13,760			
2005	10,000	2,935	12,935			
2006	10,000	2,100	12,100			
2007	10,000	1,260	11,260			
2008	10,000	420	10,420			
2009						
2010						
2011						
2012						
2013						
2014						
2015						
	175,000	58,110	233,110	80,000	13,000	93,000

Refrigeration Bonded Debt 100% Bonded at 5.42% Total
Town Bonded Debt

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	45,000	43,515	88,515	230,000	109,414	339,414
1999	45,000	41,153	86,153	185,000	95,733	280,733
2000	45,000	38,790	83,790	185,000	83,933	268,933
2001	45,000	36,427	81,427	185,000	72,195	257,195
2002	45,000	34,065	79,065	165,000	60,470	225,470
2003	45,000	31,703	76,703	165,000	49,918	214,918
2004	45,000	29,340	74,340	100,000	41,116	141,116
2005	45,000	26,977	71,977	100,000	34,070	134,070
2006	45,000	24,615	69,615	75,000	27,527	102,527
2007	45,000	22,253	67,253	55,000	23,513	78,513
2008	45,000	19,867	64,867	55,000	20,287	75,287
2009	45,000	17,438	62,438	45,000	17,438	62,438
2010	45,000	14,962	59,962	45,000	14,962	59,962
2011	45,000	12,488	57,488	45,000	12,488	57,488
2012	45,000	10,012	55,012	45,000	10,012	55,012
2013	45,000	7,538	52,538	45,000	7,538	52,538
2014	45,000	5,062	50,062	45,000	5,062	50,062
2015	45,000	2,532	47,532	45,000	2,532	47,532
	810,000	418,737	1,228,737	1,815,000	688,208	2,503,208

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY AND YIELD TAXES

	Levy of 1997	Levy of 1996
Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1997: Property Taxes Yield Taxes Yield Advance-Prior Year Taxes Committed to the Collector:		\$246,851.42
Property Taxes	\$1,914,264.91	
Overpayment: Property	7,859.95	102.04
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	198.03	8,576.47
Total Debits	\$1,922,322.89	\$255,529.93
Remittances to the Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$1,730,954.53	\$246,953.46
Interest Collected Abatements Made: Property Taxes	198.03	8,576.47
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1997:	101 170 22	
Property Taxes	191,170.33	
Total Credits	\$1,922,322.89	\$255,529.93

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Tax Liens on Account of Levies of		
	1996	1995	1994
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes—	Militarine gualengian Arigina (gyan), gengin (gili andalari		
January 1, 1997		\$8,445.82	\$1,138.98
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year	\$130,683.45		
Interest Collected after Sale	4,394.47	1,810.45	451.09
Total Debits	\$135,077.92 ======	\$10,256.27 ======	\$1,590.07 ======
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$113,166.41	\$7,240.31	\$1,138.98
Interest and Costs after Sale	4,394.47	1,810.45	451.09
Abatement: Unredeemed Taxes	1,955.77		
Unredeemed Taxes— December 31, 1997	15,561.27	1,205.51	0.00
Total Credits	\$135,077.92	\$10,256.27	\$1,590.07

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHEDULE OF TAX INFORMATION

Year	Assessed Valuation	Amount Raised By Taxes	Tax Rate
1983	\$ 57,175,850	\$ 622,667	\$ 10.90 per \$1,000
1984	63,271,650	632,166	10.00
1985	69,996,250	699,413	10.00
1986	77,444,450	720,457	9.31
1987	131,430,000	822,202	6.26
1988	149,484,700	948,678	6.35
1989	172,126,200	1,273,284	7.40
1990	173,491,750	1,525,727	8.80
1991	168,375,550	1,679,188	9.98
1992	170,691,645	1,603,302	9.40
1993	164,705,691	1,712,940	10.40
1994	165,093,197	1,751,639	10.61
1995	166,714,442	1,887,675	11.33
1996	164,616,594	2,047,831	12.44
1997	160,555,028	1,910,606	11.90

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK JANUARY 1, 1997 — DECEMBER 31, 1997

RECEIPTS

ACTIVITIES

Uniform Commercial Financing Statements Filed 28

Marriage Licenses Filed:

Eric Boucher
Sara W. Totten

Michael Gregory Dodge
Lori Leigh Perry

Stephen E. Perillo
Celia Enos

Married March 18, 1997

Married June 28, 1997

Married July 10, 1997

Married August 23, 1997

Certificate of Death Filed:

Frederic K. Upton

Beth Best Shoup

John Garfield Salinger Died July 7, 1997
Plymouth, NH

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After several years of economic disappointment, the Valley entered 1997 with anticipation and the hope that ownership stability of the ski area and conference center, along with substantial new capital improvements, would buoy the Town's economy. We were not disappointed.

With the summer visitors number strong, real estate sales up 29% and property values recovering, an early snow and the ski area reporting an increase in skier days of 36% through December, an excellent two-week holiday period at the inns, lodges and commercial entities, there is reason to smile again.

Municipal government also felt the impact of the strong vacation market with an increase in the numbers of people served and in services rendered. In addition, the town assumed responsibility for additional services; ie, Packard's Field, Curious George Cottage, plantings and memorials, etc. As you read through the accompanying department reports which describe this past year, be aware that this growth is being absorbed and accomplished with an operating budget and municipal staff that have remained essentially constant. The professionalism and dedication shown by Town staff who are willing to take on added responsibilities and to get the job done is a very strong cornerstone of this municipal government and we acknowledge and very much appreciate their performance.

Perhaps the major change in municipal government was the assumption by the Town of the management and operation of the Town-owned ice arena, which is a major amenity of the valley. This was a major undertaking, but with a great deal of work and effort on the part of Ralph Trinque, arena manager, the arena has been substantially improved in many regards, and is at the point where it may well become a summer amenity as well. Operation in July and August would certainly give us a venue that would be unique among New England resorts.

Although the operating budget that is being proposed for 1998 mainly addresses the daily operation of municipal government, the voters will also be asked to consider some major capital expenditures. After 23 years of operation of the wastewater treatment facility, it has become necessary to remove the biosolids from the primary oxidation lagoon. In conjunction with the draining of the lagoon, we will also be asking to upgrade the air system in both lagoons. These systems have deteriorated to a point where they have had to be supplemented with a surface aerator, which is not the long term solution. This is the first major capital work that has been done to this facility since it was brought on line in 1974.

The voters will also be asked to replace the solid waste collection vehicle and related dumpsters. The present truck is 12 years old and is facing major repair work that makes its replacement judicious. The majority of the dumpsters have been in service for more than the twelve years and their replacement gives us a chance to proactively address the "bear" problem. We will be presenting several alternative approaches in this regard to the voters at Town Meeting, and will be guided by their decision.

The Zamboni that services the ice rink is over 30 years old, is gas powered, which is a health and safety hazard, is unreliable and inconsistent, and has demanded a great deal of maintenance and repair this year in order to keep it running. It is our belief that the ice rink requires a replacement Zamboni to insure a first-class skating product. We will be asking voters to authorize its replacement.

We would also like to publicly welcome Dave Pike as a member of the Board of Selectmen. With the resignation of Joan Eaton, Dave came on board in September and his insight and business experience have already proven valuable to the Board.

And, in the same breath, we would also like to publicly thank Joan Eaton for her long dedication and many contributions to the Town and Town government. Joan served as a Selectman for 15 years, including the last 10 years as Chair. She deserves the gratitude and appreciation of the townspeople for her years of service.

We would also like to thank Herb Reid for his 17 years of service to our Town in his combined roles of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. He was most conscientious and diligent in protecting the Town's interests, doing all the collection work himself from his home. He has now decided to truly "retire," and we thank him for his service.

W. David Pike Thomas A. Corcoran Kevin C. Morse

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DIVISION

In 1997 the number of incidents reported to the Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety, Police Division decreased 9% from 1996. We are, however, receiving significantly more of your phone calls due to the installation of a cell phone for the Cruiser.

For many years, after business hours, the only way to contact this department was to call the emergency number which would connect you to the Grafton County Sheriff's Department. Many people were reluctant to use the emergency number for what they considered a non-emergency incident, such as noise complaints, lock outs, dog complaints, minor accidents etc. As a result many people were frustrated by their inability to contact the police, and we were missing frequent opportunities to assist you.

Now with the cell phone in the cruiser, we have been able to expand our service to you and our guests in many different ways. The most important of which is being able to receive your calls. Like everything, this is still not perfect—the officer is not always in the vehicle or able to answer the phone. So please if you need to speak with an officer, and can't get through after hours on the business line, don't hesitate to call the emergency line 236-4732, but leave 911 for real emergencies. Your call is important to us.

As you can see the complaints have increased over 300% since 1984; however, we are now computer literate and able to track activity much more closely so that ability has had a major impact on the numbers. The majority of the increase is in open doors, animal complaints, assists to other departments, alarm responses, and citizens requesting assistance, etc.

Vandalism, theft, alcohol and drug offenses are up since 1984; however, drug and alcohol offenses are down from 1996. DWI arrests are down by almost 50% from last year, but unfortunately under age drinking is still a major problem in town. Violence still appears to be on the upswing; assault and related offenses are up for the second year in a row.

Alcohol abuse is directly related to most of the crime that occurs in Waterville Valley with the possible exception of some theft complaints. The majority of people arrested for assaults, burglaries, vandalism, and disorderly conduct in town had been drinking when the crimes were committed. It is even more closely related when comparing underage drinkers and arrests.

During the past year there have been many comments about the interaction between this department and motorists travelling on Route 49. Looking at the attached stats, we see that there really has not been much of a change in the overall activity since 1984. It is interesting to note that although there was a slight increase in activity in 1997, there were seventy nine less tickets written in 1997 than in 1984. Maybe, just maybe, that's why there were sixty-one car accidents last year.

We will be the first to say that the majority of people travelling Route 49 will never have any contact with us. However, there are those of us who need to be reminded from time to time that there may be a moose, deer or bear hiding around the next corner waiting for us to let our guard down. Some of us may need to be reminded a little more often than others.

Every one should be aware that it is only through you, our residents, owners, guests and employees, that this department can continue to be an effective, positive influence in our community. Your comments, advice, concerns, and assistance are heard and appreciated by all members of the Department of safety.

Motor Vehicle Violation Warnings				
	1984	1997		
Speed	276	280		
All Other	162	192		
Total Motor Vehicle Warnings	438	472		
Motor Vehicle Summ	ons			
Speed	108	76		
DWI	12	12		
All Other	83	36		
Total Motor Vehicle Summons	203	124		
Complaints Investiga	ted			
Burglary	2	3		
Ski Theft	100	84		
All other Theft	40	63		
Criminal Mischief	10	16		
Family Offenses	0	9		
Alcohol Offenses	0	60		
Drug Offenses	3	11		
All other complaints	55	417		
Total Complaints Investigated	210	669		
Number of people arrested	?	297		
Incidents cleared by Arrest	92	126		
Complaints filed in Court	297	531		

Tom E. Smith Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DIVISION

The past year was a busy one for your fire division with several fires (both in and out of town), accidents, alarm activations, and several search and rescues. In fact, the worst town fire was on the first night of the year and could have resulted in a major loss; however, working smoke detectors alerted the occupants, allowed them to get out safely, and quickly notify the department. This, again, emphasizes the importance of regularly checking your smoke alarms to insure operation. Even if your detectors are hard wired as part of your house, it is wise to also have battery operated one as a backup for when the power goes out.

In addition to the normal training and inspections of commercial buildings, much time was spent with the Insurance Services organization (ISO) in re-rating the town for fire insurance purposes. The hard work of all departments, including water, planning, zoning, building inspection, fire inspection, and the dedication and training of members of the department, resulted in the insurance rating being lowered to a Class 4, from a Class 6. This should mean a considerable savings on fire insurance, particularly, for sprinkled commercial buildings. Since the last rating, there has been a concentrated effort by the town as it has grown to address prior deficiencies so that the appropriate infrastructure and equipment would be in place as it is at the present time and the more favorable rating has resulted.

Bruce M. Andrew Fire Chief

1996 Run Analysis		Responses Per Run (Fire and Medical)		
Structure Fires	13	Chief	.75 fires	
Chimney/Outside	1	No. of Responders	5.1	
Trash/Brush/Dumpster	2	Volunteers	2.8	
Vehicles	2	On Duty Officers	1.5	
Gas Leaks/Spills	6	Off Duty Officers	.5	
Smoke Scares	4	Average Response Time	6.20 minutes	
Electrical	4			
Elevator	2			
Animal Rescue	1			
Alarm Malfunctions	47			
Search/Rescue	9			
Auto Accidents	4			
_		Bruce M. Andrew		
	95	Fire Chief		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION

The Emergency Medical Division of the Department of Safety responded to a total of 106 medical calls during 1997. There were 74 runs dispatched to the ski area and 84 runs made throughout the remainder of the community.

During 1997, several members of the department upgraded their certifications and one member returned to the squad after letting her EMT certification lapse. Scott McNeil, who has been a member of the fire division and a resident of the valley for several years, joined the Medical Division and became certified as an EMT-B. Karen McComiskey, one of our weekend dispatchers and wife of one of our full-time officers also became certified as an EMT-B.

Returning to the Medical Division after a short "vacation" is Leslie Rosewarne. Leslie, along with her husband, Tim, is a long-time member of the Department of Public Safety-Fire and Medical division. Leslie endured the long hours to retake the EMT course and is now certified as an EMT-B. During this same time, Tim Rosewarne successfully completed training as an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I).

Your Director also experienced a personal milestone as my youngest daughter, Holly, completed her EMT training and has joined the squad. Holly is employed by the Elliot Hospital EMS Trauma Services in Manchester, lives in Thornton, and will be responding evenings and weekends.

As always, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to each member of the Emergency Medical Division for their support and dedication. Each member, whether it be a full-timer, part-timer, or volunteer, plays a vital role in the services the Division offers. As you will see from the list of members and their medical qualifications published elsewhere in this Town Report, the Medical Division continues to be staffed with well-trained and capable individuals. As you see them around the community, please acknowledge them for their dedicated service.

All the members of the Emergency Medical Division, would like to wish all the citizens and visitors of Waterville Valley a safe and healthy 1998.

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In 1997, the Waterville Valley Recreation Department continued its goal of providing a diversified and healthy selection of recreation activities for its residents, property owners and guests of Waterville Valley. We experienced growth of 9.9%, serving over 19,000 patrons and realized revenues of 10% over projections.

The Curious George Cottage opened this past Spring as the new home of W.V.R.D's Environmental programs. Donated and compiled displays of area wildlife adorned the walls inside while programs such as Eco-Art, Nature Notes and Walk-Talk Lecture Series filled the space with learning and discovery. The fenced backyard was converted into raised garden beds where children experienced the process of raising vegetables. The Curious George Cottage was utilized by outside groups such as WVAIA and area Girl Scouts. It was also home to our "Haunted House". The Cottage's close proximity was ideal for a "spook walk" prior to the Trick or Treat ride that completes our Halloween celebration.

This past summer also saw the creation of a new Teen Adventure program called S.W.A.T.T. (Seasonal Wilderness Adventure Training for Teens). Held twice per week, the S.W.A.T.T. program targeted youths age 13 and older to experience such outdoor activities as river Fun-Yaking, rock climbing, single-track mountain biking, canoeing and hiking. The program was moderately successful with 43 teens participating.

In response to community urging, the Recreation Department increased program opportunities for pre-school age children. This summer we created a "Childrens' Gymboree" for 3-5 year-old children. The two-hour program served a stepping stone for youths not yet ready for the very active W.I.N.G.S. Day Camp program. Additional sessions of the Parent/Toddler Playgroup offered families more opportunities to meet and socialize with others at the same stage in life. Our "Tot Swim" program was offered in cooperation with the Valley Inn and appealed to parents of children 6 months to 5 years old. Due to popular demand, we will continue this program which teaches proper skills and etiquette in and around the water.

Partnerships and cooperative efforts are important to W.V.R.D. helping us enrich the sense of community in Waterville Valley. Our first annual "Egg Drop Contest" held over Easter weekend was a blast in Town Square. The White Mountain Athletic Club is host for afterschool and summer youth swim programs. Throughout the school year, we collaborate with Base Camp Adventure Center in offering cross-country and snowshoe adventures. In conjunction with the Osceola Library, we offered a youth Story Hour throughout the summer serving over 60 children and Youth Broomball is a popular collaboration with the Ice Arena. Most recently, our Community Holiday Ice Skating Party, also at the Ice Arena, attracted over 100 people on a chilly December evening.

A large portion of our mid-week school year business focuses on Afterschool programming for resident children. The Drama Club produced the "Wizard of

Wonderland", a comical cross between the stories of "Alice in Wonderland" and the "Wizard of Oz". The Children's Dinner Theater in February offered a creative outlet for our youths and entertainment for vacationing children. From cooking to cooperative team challenges to rock climbing, these programs provide an arena for social and individual learning in a fun environment. Established programs such as Ice Cream Social, BINGO, hikes, field games, fishing, and Kid's Nite Out continued to strengthen. The designation of a sole staff member for our fishing programs increased attendance, revenues and participant satisfaction. Further, development of a fly fishing program for adults was quite successful and pinpoints an area for future growth.

So many of the programs offered grow from suggestions or ideas of the public. Parental and community involvement adds invaluable support and enthusiasm for our programs. The many contributions of this community manifest in the donation of recyclable goods, program suggestions and volunteers who utilize their own expertise and interests to assist. Thank you all for the numerous unique ways you contribute to our success. The enhancement of the physical, social, and economic well being of this community has been and will continue to be our primary goal. Thank you for a stupendous year.

Kim A. Worthley Recreation Director

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WASTEWATER—SOLID WASTE-RECYCLING DIVISIONS

The Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility continued to meet the State and Federal discharge limits in 1997. The annual inspection by the Department of Environmental Services, Operations Division, was also positive.

The task at hand for 1998 is to remove the 23 years of accumulated biosolids in the primary lagoon. After that project is completed, we will replace the old air supply system in both lagoons. This new technology air system should serve us well for 20 more years.

The treatment plant operated 254 days last year and has treated the following:

1997—51,580,000 gallons 1996—56,042,000 gallons 1995—49,000,000 gallons

Household trash and construction/demolition debris disposed of by the Solid Waste Department showed a 5 % increase over 1996. Successful winter, summer, and fall tourism, as well as many home owner renovations contributed to the increase in tonnage.

1997—1,100 tons 1996—1,043 tons 1995—939 tons

In 1997, we recycled the following:

3,020 lbs. of aluminum cans
32,614 lbs. of newspaper/computer paper
12,000 lbs. of magazines/brochures
225 car tires
300 cubic yards of compost/yard waste
10 tons of scrap metal
many bags of good used clothing
Thanks for your participation and please continue to—

CONSERVE—REUSE—RECYCLE

Timothy M. Kingston Superintendent

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The town has successfully completed five rounds of lead and copper sampling of its water. The samples being taken from residences town wide. With the successful completion of these samples, the lead and copper rule of the Safe Drinking Water Act allows a further reduction of our sampling schedule to once every three years. The next round of samples for lead and copper will be taken in the year 2000. We still continue to do our monthly bacteria samples and have other scheduled tests for water quality that we take on an annual basis.

There were no major equipment breaks or system problems this past year. You can see from the information below, water pumped for the year is down. We attribute that to the wet spring and early summer weather that reduced the amount of watering needed.

Comparison of water pumped:

1997 38,790,600 Gallons

1996 42,513,500

1995 42,406,000

Last winter was the first full season of use for our new sidewalk snowblower, and it has proven to be more than capable of the task of taking care of the heavy snow that is plowed onto the sidewalks from the roads. We are very happy with the snowblower and very appreciative of the town for allowing us to purchase it.

West Branch Road was chip sealed last year, and our hopes are to resurface all of Village Road this year with a hot bituminous macadam.

Charles W. Cheney Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Waterville Valley Planning Board began its second quarter of a century by reluctantly accepting the resignation of its long valued Chairman Dev Jennings. He guided the Board through many a storm as though it was smooth sailing. His capable leadership, vision, wit, and dedication to the Town will be missed.

Beth Shoup Upton was re-elected Secretary. Al Hunt was elected Vice-Chairman and I was elected Chairman. The Board welcomed Pogo Gorwood and Pat Jung as new alternate members. Bill Feather was appointed a full member from his position as Alternate. Dave Pike became an ex-officio member as a consequence of his new Board of Selectmen post.

A petitioned change in the zoning of parts of the golf course and other parcels from Village Commercial to Recreational was thoroughly aired at a public hearing held by the Board. It made every effort to give all concerned opportunity to express their thoughts before weighing and making its recommendation.

There were several minor lot line adjustments acted on which cleared up ambiguities and made corrections as a matter of housekeeping. They were between Reynolds-Jung and Windsor Hill and Windsor Hill and Waterville Company, Inc. A welcomed increase in the lot size at the Homes on Northface was approved.

There were extended discussions on the request to rezone the Waterville Valley Academy from Recreational to Special Civic. These deliberations were on going into the next year. The Board decided to recommend the change as it felt that the change would render the use of the land more restrictive, but allow the Academy's historical operation as a boarding school to continue as an allowed use. After much deliberation the Board voted to delay this recommendation for a year to allow for further study.

And, again, in Dev's words: "The Board wishes to extend its thanks to the public for its participation and input as we face many decisions. The system is designed to give voice to everyone."

Donald Jasinski, Chairman

REPORT OF BUILDING ACTIVITY 1997

There were 67 permits issued in 1997, 10 more than issued in the previous year. Reported construction costs totaled \$1,576,865 which was down from the 1996 figure of \$2,419,722.

Permit fees totaled \$3,650.

Thirteen permits were issued for LP heaters, fifteen permits for replacement of roofs, chimney relining, siding, decks, etc., 1 for 8 new condo units, 1 pellet stove, 1 for the snowboard hut, 1 for a satellite dish, 1 for kerosene heater, 1 for a gas fireplace insert, 10 for remodeling work, 8 for additions, 13 for tents, and 2 for new homes. Some projects will continue into the next year and the three year inspection program will continue into 1998.

The packet of guidelines prepared for all those contemplating work requiring a building permit is available at the Town Offices and its use will facilitate permit processing.

Donald Jasinski Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

OSCEOLA LIBRARY

The year 1997 brought a newly painted building and a new covered back step to the Library. All Town Employees involved are to be profusely thanked. The building looks WONDERFUL!!!

The Library was very busy this year. We extended our hours to seven days a week for the summer months, which we found to be a good idea.

This year our circulation was, again, up from previous years. A total of 2,451 books were loaned, with the children's circulation accounting for 865 of this total. We purchased a total of 133 books including children's books.

This year we joined with the Recreation Department for a Story Hour. This was held two days a week during July and August. A total of 60 children took advantage of this program.

Again, our Book Sale was a huge success!! This event allows us to purchase more books without upping our request to the annual municipal budget. The book sale will become an annual event.

The Library was very fortunate this year as we were given hard-cover copies of all "Curious George" books from the estate of Margret Rey.

The Library Trustees again thank all Town Employees, Volunteers, Book Donors, and Taxpayers—without you we would not have one of the best small-town libraries in the State.

Betty J. Rathman for the Board of Trustees

OSCEOLA LIBRARY FINANC<u>IAL REPO</u>RT 1997

Account Balances, January 1, 1997

Checking Account Petty Cash Fund Savings Account	2,098.20 25.60 0.00	
Total Funds Available, Jan. 1, 1997		2,123.80
Receipts: 1997 Town AppropriationBooks Donations: W.V.A.I.A. 100.00 Memorial Fund 75.00	2,000.00	
Proceeds from Book Sale Note Card Sales Overdue and Lost Books Interest Accrued	175.00 591.50 346.00 38.99 23.40	
Total Receipts		3,174.89
Funds Available during year		5,298.69
Expenses: Book Purchases Note Cards Miscellaneous & Supplies	1,730.76 355.00 562.60	
Total Expenses		2,648.36
Total Funds Available, Dec. 31, 1997		2,650.33
Account Balance, December 31, 1997 Checking Account Balance Petty Cash Fund Savings Account Balance	2,203.73 71.60 375.00	
Total Funds Available	=	2,650.33

Joan M. Sweeney Treasurer

WATERVILLE VALLEY ATHLETIC AND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Waterville Valley Athletic & Improvement Association (WVAIA) completed another successful year thanks to the ever present support of our membership and friends of this organization.

In 1997, the Board of Directors voted to accept a proposal to incorporate the Waterville Valley Historical Society as part of WVAIA. The Historical Society, directed by Paula Miles and Sally Barron, is focused on the preservation of historical information in its many forms, and artifacts that are important to the unique heritage of this area. The Historical Society presently maintains a display in the Town Square and has produced interesting note cards depicting various turn of the century scenes of WV (On Sale in the Town Square).

The Waterville Valley hiking trail system was kept in satisfactory condition with the assistance of the Sandwich Range Conservation Association, Alan Swan of the Nordic Center, and the continuing support of the WVAIA trail adopter network. The scope of trail maintenance operations include both routine maintenance such as bridge building, major repair requirements, and the development of new or rerouted trail systems. The SRCA is directed by Nat Scrimshaw, who has had a long-term association with that organization and Waterville Valley. In 1997, trail maintenance was monitored by the WVAIA Trails Committee co-chaired by Ms. Deborah Haliday and Ms. Eileen Pellbring, both of whom are residents of Waterville Valley. Ms. Kim Worthley (WV Recreation Department Director) and Ms. Donna Spinney (a long-time WV owner) have assumed the Trails Committee responsibilities in 1998.

In 1997, WVAIA initiated the development of a new and improved "Multi-use" Trail Map to replace the existing map. This has been an ongoing collaborative effort involving representatives of the SCRA, The Waterville Valley Ski Area—Nordic Center, and the WVAIA. Unforeseen difficulties with SRCA's computer applications caused significant delays in meeting WVAIA's objective of producing a multi-use map by summer 1997. The project is back on track with final review and production expected to be completed by the 1998 hiking season.

WVAIA maintained its contributory support of golf, tennis, the Osceola Library, the WV Recreation Department, the Croquet Club, and other worthwhile programs that benefit our town and its residents and nonresident owners. WVAIA continues to support the objectives of the Waterville Valley Foundation's adaptive/disabled ski program for physically challenged individuals including continued evaluation of the feasibility of establishing a "barrier free trail network" in Waterville Valley.

The Trails Committee of the WVAIA together with the Board of Directors have agreed on a new format for the administration and maintenance of WVAIA's trail systems by our network of volunteers. The focus of the new program is to utilize our

trail adopters and volunteers in the role of monitoring and reporting on the condition and maintenance requirements of our trail systems. The purpose of these changes is to permit our volunteers to enjoy the benefits of hiking while providing a valuable service in reporting problems (blow downs, missing signs, repair requirements, etc.) to appropriate WVAIA representatives and to minimize or eliminate the need for performing hands on maintenance by the respective trail adopters. Forms will be used to provide this reporting function, they will be available at the Nordic Center (Base Camp) in Town Square and at the WV Recreation Department. Volunteers and Trail Adopters, when planning a hike, are asked to stop by, pick up a form (bring a pen or pencil) and note any problems found on the trail. Forms should be turned in to or mailed to the attention of Kim Worthley, Trail Committee Co-Chair, at the WV Recreation Department. This system will be implemented during the 1998 hiking season and evaluated again in the fall. Feedback from our adopters will provide timely information for the organizations that support WVAIA's trail maintenance requirements.

As always, WVAIA organized the annual 4th of July picnic followed by the traditional Labor Day Weekend picnic which brought our summer season to a close—all too soon. In February, 1998, the fourth annual "Winter Solstice" social was held at the Snowy Owl Inn. Our winter gathering complements our summer outings and is a way of saying "thank you" to several of our members and supporters who, perhaps, do not enjoy the opportunity to participate in WVAIA's summer activities.

1998 Objectives include:

- ** Complete the design, production, and funding of a multi-use map.
- ** Continue to ensure the proper maintenance of WV's hiking trail network.
- ** Initiate and evaluate WVAIA's new trail adopter program.
- ** Study opportunities to improve our valley's many attributes—tree planting programs, etc.
- ** Continue to assist in the support of the WV Foundation's disabled skier program and further investigate the feasibility of establishing a barrier free trail network.
- ** Consider other events designed to bring WVAIA members and supporters together: Summer—Golf Tournament Winter—Cross Country Ski event

We continue to be grateful for the enthusiasm and support of our membership in contributing to the objectives of the Waterville Valley Athletic and Improvement Association.

President: Ramon D. O'Hara Secretary: Kim Worthley Treasurer: Soren Pellbring

Trails Committee Co-Chairpersons: Kim Worthley and Donna Spinney

Membership Chairman: David Pike

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Three meetings of the Commission were held during the winter and spring of 1997. Discussions addressed subjects such as the Town recycling program, the compilation of a Town-owned lands inventory, spring clean-up day, and tree and wildflower planting.

Among the parcels of land deeded to the Town by the Waterville Company is the land below the Mad River Condo Association which runs to the Mad River. This parcel included the major section of Tyler Spring Path. Discussions included building a bridge over the ditch at the trailhead of Tyler Spring Path which would be on Mad River Condo Association property.

The Commission sponsored a well attended dedication service for the late David Mayhew on a Saturday morning in August. A red maple tree and a bench with a plaque have been placed at the perimeter of Packard's Field just before the Golden Eagle Lodge. We remembered David's beautification efforts in the Valley.

Another successful spring clean-up day was held in early May. The participants were given wildflower seeds as a "thank you" for their endeavors.

Bonnie O'Hara planted lupine on a slope to Packard's Field by Route 49.

As a part of its continuing tree replacement program, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative donated and planted a maple tree with plaque adjacent to Packard's Field.

Audrey Trinque resigned from the Commission as she has increasing responsibilities at Speare Hospital. In the late fall, the Board of Selectmen appointed Connie Falconi as a member of the Commission. She will be joining us at our first meeting in 1998.

In 1998, we plan to make a more concerted effort to plant flowers around the Valley and new shrubs at the cemetery.

Debbie Haliday, Chairman

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

This has been a busy year at the Council. As we began our second year of operations from the Cottage at the Rocks, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The transportation committee has a busy agenda dealing with numerous local and regional projects. Highlights includes: participation in a three-state discussion focused on Route 2, planning and funding several major bridge projects, planning and coordinating trail systems as well as addressing regional rail issues. The Portland Natural Gas Pipeline occupied a lot of time as we worked with the Attorney General's Office and the communities along the proposed right of way dealing with location and mitigation issues. Work continued on the Route 16 Corridor Protection Project. Our two working groups from the 14 towns along the highway started to look at some of the potential actions that can be taken along the corridor and will be working towards guidelines and recommendations over the coming year. Major products of the Route 16 effort this past year were a tourism-scenic evaluation element and a design guidebook, both of which will be very useful to local planning boards. Transportation funding activities were a priority with the Council's Transportation Committee and By Way Council. During the year both committees solicited projects to be funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Scenic By Way Program. Recommendations for funded projects were made to the state and federal agencies, results of those efforts will be known this spring.

The year saw the approval of our fifth EDA public works grant since 1991. The latest grant approved was to the Town of Colebrook. The Colebrook Grant brings NCC's twenty five-year record of EDA funding in the North Country to \$33 million. Work continues on the Haverhill and Lancaster EDA projects and is complete in North Conway and Littleton. The Council's new Economic Development Committee was formed and began meeting. Planning for the new North Country Regional Overall Economic Development Program began. New projects for EDA funding are now being solicited for inclusion in the O.E.D.P.

The NCC Business Resource Center opened and has been in use by area entrepreneurs for the last six months.

The Council continued its work representing the interests of the communities on the Connecticut River, and the region as a whole in the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydro Re-Licensing project. The Council was a key player in the negotiations and was able to represent community interest in the operating agreement, insuring that the present access/use continue and that reservoir levels and flow regime remain intact. This means that recreation activities and local tax revenue potential will be equivalent to present conditions. We will continue to stay on top of this critical issue during the coming years.

This last year, the NCC Scenic and Cultural By Way Council adopted a Plan for the Regional By Way and developed a marketing publication which will be printed during the spring of 1998. In addition, the Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Highway Administration to have National Scenic By Way designation on the Kancamagus Highway expanded to include portions of Routes 302, 3, and I93 creating a continuous loop through the White Mountains. Work also continued on the Connecticut River Scenic By Way in cooperation with Vermont and Massachusetts

The Community Design Program at the Council provided design assistance to Jackson, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Lancaster and Littleton. GIS mapping continued for the entire North Country and individual projects were done for Lisbon, Littleton and Colebrook. The Council also hosted the Northeast Your Town Training Program. This unique program brought 30 local civic leaders and new planning professionals together with a national level community design faculty for a three-day intensive community design program. Support of public involvement in community decision making was provided to several towns through survey projects and local forums around the region.

Solid waste planning services continued at the Council with every town in the region getting support from the Council's solid waste staff. On a regional level, the Household Hazardous Waste Program is entering its eleventh year. A regional glass crushing program began, with the Town of Lancaster in the lead. Support was provided to the region's schools on recycling everything from paper to plastic to glass.

Local technical assistance has always been a mainstay of Council activity, and this last year was no different. The Council's grant-writing, planning and engineering staff worked with many of the regions 279 boards and councils on so many locally significant projects that they would be too numerous to mention. Libraries, industrial parks, ordinances, plans, site plan review, water and sewer feasibility, drainage projects, transfer stations, master plans, land development capability assessment, water access, road improvement and handicapped access were just a few of the results.

As the year came to a close, the Council forged a relationship with a sister region in the Czech Republic. As a result of this effort, we hope to have local officials, non-profits and businesses from the North Country working with peers in Europe developing mutually beneficial projects and establishing a connection for the North Country into the European Union. In November, a regional official from the Slovak Republic came to the office for a day and a similar dialogue is starting.

The end of the year also witnessed the kick off of a telecommunications initiative at the Council with support from Bell Atlantic, CDFA and other partners. This important activity is a result of 4 years of study and some intensive work during the last six months.

The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. As a region, the North Country contains one third of the land mass of NH and one fifth of its municipalities.

Preston S. Gilbert Executive Director

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Committee met seven times during the 1997 calendar year. The District continued its work of organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives.

In June, the District held its biennial Household Hazardous Waste collection day. The collection sites were held at three district town's facilities (Ashland, Plymouth, and Campton/Thornton) where over 1950 gallons of materials were collected. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Plymouth, and Rumney also collected paint and batteries for recycling year round resulting in a collection of an additional 500 gallons of paint. The District received grants from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services to help cover the disposal and coordination costs of both programs.

This was our first year for a fluorescent light tube collection program. All the District's towns collected tubes at their facilities. In August and December the collected tubes were brought to the Plymouth facility where they were picked-up for recycling by Global Recycling Technologies. This was a very successful program as we recycled nearly 5000 feet of light tubes.

During the upcoming year the District committee will again organize and coordinate paint & battery and fluorescent light tube recycling and will continue to explore possible options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recyling. Citizens interested in participating in the process are welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town received notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Robert Berti, Chairman Daniels Woods, District Coordinator

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To Aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months were a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

(All I lies	reported till	December 23, 1777)	
FIRES REPORTED BY CO	UNTY	CAUSES OF FIRES REPO	ORTED
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll		Debris Burning	
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	
Grafton		Railroad	
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack		Lightning	
Rockingham	54	Children	
Strafford		Incendiary	33
Sullivan		Fireworks	
		Miscellaneous	130
TOTAL FIRES	726		
TOTAL ACRES			
Pohert E Roy	ud.	Bruce M Andrew	

Robert E. Boyd Forest Ranger Bruce M. Andrew Forest Fire Warden

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following report and notes on financial statements. We hope it will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1997, funds received exceeded the Budget by \$419,841.91 for a total of \$16,649,986.91 actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of a Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The actual Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment was \$372,125. Actual expenditures totaled \$15,778,961.80, which was \$451,183.20 less than had been budgeted.

The bottom line for FY1997 shows that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$871,025.11, leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major occurrences during FY 1997, some of which were the hiring of a fund manager for the Grafton County Regional Ecomonic Development Council; union activity was defeated in both the Sheriff's Department and the Nursing Home; the Grafton County Nursing Home entered a float in the 4th of July parade; construction of a new parking lot for Nursing County employees; the Nursing Home received a deficiency free survey; Family Court began in July, 1996; there were some repairs and painting done to the farm buildings; Charlie Page retired in May, 1997 from the Grafton County Farm after 38 years of service; Grafton County had all underground fuel tanks replaced in June, 1997; the Commissioners held their regular meetings in each of the three districts, with meetings being held in Bristol, Littleton and Lebanon.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1997. The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job in investing County funds, and investment income exceeded the County Budget figure by \$49,330.02. The County Attorney performs well in his office and the number of backlogged cases has been reduced drastically. His relationship with law enforcement agencies has improved the overall operations of his office. Once again, the activity in the Sheriff's Department, through Dispatch, increases with activity yet remains as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work and do an excellent job to generate a great deal of revenue for Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1997, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1998 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislation Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Barbara B. Hill, Chair (District 1) Steve Panagoulis, Vice-Chair (District 3) Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

1997 has been a year of intense challenges for the Home Care Industry. Since President Clinton signed the Balanced Budget Act of 1996, home care has received a tremendous amount of attention from federal legislators and regulators on proposals to alter the payment, structure and guidelines of the home care benefit under Medicare. These sweeping changes, coupled with the impact of Managed Care, have enabled the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency to reassess its internal processes, program development and implementation, and medical services offered to the community.

Services will be case managed in order to provide optimal assistance to those homebound patients who are unable to care for themselves while they are recuperating from an illness. Nothing about the quality of care will change but there will be decreases in the numbers of visits available to Medicare patients throughout the country. We are charged with caring for our patients and complying with new rules and regulations about how and when that care will be delivered. Our clinical staff has been working diligently to reorganize service delivery patterns. Administrative staff continues educational and procedural steps that will enable us to remain competitive and viable in the home health market. Pemi-Baker Home Health will continue to develop alliances with other not-for-profit home health agencies as well as other community healthcare facilities. Our future is collaboration and stengthening relationships with service providers in order to bring you the best care possible.

Our agency has had some major accomplishments over the past year. Several of our nurses have attained certificates in Hospice, Gerontology and other specialties. Staff at all levels receive ongoing training and education in the latest medical and management techniques. Skills are continually fine-tuned in order to bring our patients the most comprehensive care available in home health.

In July, we celebrated our 30th year bringing home care to Plymouth and the surrounding communities we serve. We have not only grown in numbers and visits but in compassion, understanding and love of what we do in bringing these services to those we serve. Our programs have expanded and we will continue to focus on and improve upon the much needed care that is delivered to those of all ages in their homes.

Our second year of fundraising has been very successful and is helping to cover the costs of Hospice, Children's services and our Homemaker program. Funding is being reduced and some eliminated altogether but our community has joined together to help us continue to provide these programs. We wish to thank everyone who has helped make a difference.

There will be new design to home care nationwide. The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency will be a part of that design which will enable us to guide our own destiny into the 21st century of quality healthcare.

Margaret Terrasi, Executive Director Deborah Haliday, WV Representative WATERVILLE
VALLEY
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
REPORT

OFFICERS OF THE WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Marilyn O'Connell	1998
Danielle Morse	1999
DeAnne Jennings	2000

TREASURER/CLERK

Marcia Leavitt

MODERATOR

Paul Leavitt

TEACHERS

Kim Bownes
Dana Buck
Tamara Graham
Linda Haines
Barbara Logan
Dave Poole
Mary Seeger
Darlene Smith
Carol Towne

SUPERINTENDENT

John W. True, Jr.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mark Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Donna Marsden

WATERVILLE VALLEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 1997 - 6 P.M.

Five voters attended the Annual Meeting. Seven non-voters were also present.

Article I, regarding reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers, and Article II, regarding accepting any monies from any source (i.e. Federal, State and other) passed unanimously.

Article III dealt with the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board and the Waterville Valley Education Association, which called for salary increases and benefits for the school years 1996-1997, and 1997-1998. Chairman Danielle Morse explained that the figure of \$21,931 is included in the overall budget figure in Article IV. There was no other discussion, and the article passed unanimously.

Article IV- to see in the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$662,854, for the support of schools, salaries of school district officials, employees, agents, statutory obligations. Dee Jennings, before the motion for the article was read, said that the monetary figure published in the Town Report was incorrect. It was correctly printed on the official printing. There was no objection to the correction. No other discussion followed. The article passed unanimously.

Article V - any other business. There was none. Moderator Paul Leavitt adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia C. Leavitt

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Waterville Valley qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rust Municipal Building in said District on the tenth day of March, 1998 at 7:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2. To choose a Treasurer/Clerk for the coming year.
- 3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 2:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Waterville Valley the 18th day of February, 1998.

Danielle J. Morse	
DeAnne L. Jennings	
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell School Board	
Danielle J. Morse	
DeAnne L. Jennings	
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell	

School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Waterville Valley, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Waterville Valley Elementary School on Monday, the ninth day of March, 1998 at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- **Article 1:** To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.
- **Article 2:** To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board under RSA 198:20-b to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year provided that such expenditures be made for purposes for which a school district may appropriate money.
- Article 3: To see if the Waterville Valley School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Waterville Valley School Board and the Waterville Valley Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year Estimated Increase 1998-1999 \$7,064

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand sixty-four dollars (\$7,064) for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

- Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$690,378 (six hundred ninety thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District which also includes the sum found in Article 3. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)
- **Article 5:** To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Danielle J. Morse
DeAnne L. Jennings
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell
Waterville Valley School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Danielle J. Morse
DeAnne L. Jennings
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell
Waterville Valley School Board

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1996 WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ASSETS	General	Special Rev	Food Service
Current Assets: Cash Taxes Receivable	19,466.21 36,435.05		40.22
Interfund Rec Intergov't Rec Other Receivables	637.74 2,133.69	658.20	
Prepaid Expenses	12,262.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	70,934.69	658.20	40.22
LIAB & FUND EQUITY Current Liabilities:			
Interfund Payables Intergov't Payables		637.74 20.46	
Other Payables Deferred Revenue	2,162.17 29,136.79	20.10	13.81
Total Liabilities	31,298.96	658.20	13.81
Fund Equity	4.456.00		
Reserve for Encumbrances Unreserved Fund Balance	1,176.03 38,459.70		26.41
Total Fund Equity	39,635.73		26.41
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	70,934.69	658.20	40.22
TAXES	(20,002,00		
Current Approp.	620,983.00		
TOTAL TAXES	620,983.00		

WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Itemization of Payables

Foley, Carol	591.53
Nynex	207.01
NH Electric Coop	1,183.26
PC Connection	8.95
Rocky's Dairy Products	13.81
Treasurer, SAU #48	20.46
Towne, Carol	119.42
Town Taxi	52.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1997-98

The School Nurse has provided eight visits to Waterville Valley Elementary School between September and January 1st, for a total of 38 hours in residence. Additional time was spent (at no cost to W.V.E.S.) to utilize Speare Memorial Hospital resources in preparing the Annual Health Budget, updating Health policies and to access Social Services and medical providers for several W.V.E.S. families. Projected visits are monthly through June, with more frequent visits if requested. Spear Memorial Hospital resources will be freely accessed by the school nurse.

Student immunization records were reviewed and compiled in accordance with NH State regulations. The NH State Survey was submitted by November 15th, as required. W.V.E.S. is in complete compliance with Federal and State Law. Review of immunization needs is ongoing and anticipated requirements will be communicated to parents.

Student health records were brought up to NH State Standards and will be maintained. The health records of incoming and outgoing students are the responsibility of the school nurse. To assist the school nurse, an Annual Health Screening Questionnaire was sent out to parents with excellent response. This review will now be done annually the first week of school.

Each student received a health screening which included basic statistics (height, weight, vital signs, hearing and vision), as well as screening for special needs and problems. Scoliosis screening will be done during the spring swimming sessions. Follow-up by the school nurse includes re-checks, parental conferences and collaboration with health providers as needed.

The administration of all medication to students is governed by State and Federal Statutes. The school nurse has established guidelines and has provided state-approved documentation for the administration of over-the-counter and prescription medications. W.V.E.S. is in compliance with all requirements.

The school nurse is available to students, parents, and teachers as a resource in all health areas and for health education issues. Speare Memorial Hospital and its affiliates are available as resources for any related needs.

Projected work for the spring includes ongoing health screening and re-checks, review and revision of a specific health policy for W.V.E.S. in collaboration with school and town officials, and establishing a secure and accessible file of student health records and resources. An annual School Health Services Report is submitted to the NH Department of Education at school year's end.

Respectfully submitted. Carol Benoit, R.N.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Most of the school budgets within SAU #48 are either down or up a very small percentage. Increases in foundation aid (sweepstakes), new state revenues for kindergarten, and our success in increasing revenues through Medicaid for special education have done much to assist us in our budgets. Members of our boards have been adamant that these new found revenues not be spent, but be returned to the taxpayer as tax relief. The restraint shown by our board members speaks highly of their concern for and sensitivity to our communities. In addition, some of our computer specialists have been successful at writing grants for computer equipment. This also reduces, to a degree, some pressure on our budgets. These educators are heartily thanked for their efforts. We hope that as the Legislature grapples to resolve the Supreme courts ruling on the Claremont Decision [that an adequate education must be provided to all children in New Hampshire and that taxation for education needs to be comparable from Town to Town] that legislators will find a way to increase local tax relief rather than reduce it.

Research shows that small class sizes in Grades K-2 results in improved student achievement. Even as our boards have pursued fiscal restraint, they have placed an emphasis on small class sizes in grades K, 1 and 2. Although this is not always possible, it is a philosophical direction that has been embraced by our boards. We believe that it swill improve the quality of classroom instruction, enhance student achievement as well as perhaps provide the individual attention that some students need in order to gain their basis skills more quickly and solidly.

Much work has been done by many of our teachers throughout the SAU in developing K-12 curriculum. This spring our boards will be asked to approve this curriculum for implementation SAU wide. We are also busily reviewing and refining curricula for mathematics and social studies. In addition, this summer we will start work on the science curriculum. Our SAU has made great strides in developing coordinated curriculum for grades K-12. This provides for a smooth transition from our elementary schools to our high school.

We recognize that there are many feelings regarding the need for addition/renovations in both Wentworth and at the High School. Regardless of your final decision on how to vote, we encourage you to find out as much as you can about the building committee's proposals.

This has been a particularly difficult year for the high school. During the past few years we have and will continue to receive anywhere from 40 to 50 new students. This unfortunately has required staffing additions as well as a greater number of books and materials. This has created financial as well as space pressures at the high school. The building administration has done a remarkable job of maximizing the use of any and all space that exists in the building. You are welcome at any time to call 536-1444 to make an appointment with Bruce Parsons, principal or Rick Knowles, Assistant Principal to tour the building during the school day when students are there.

As always, I am grateful for the contributions that our community members, board members, professional and support staff make to our schools. There is a strong desire in our communities for quality education which is refreshing and I am deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement that many of you have extended to me.

Respectfully submitted, John W. True, Jr. Superintendent of Schools

WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 1997-98

I am pleased to report again the high academic achievement of our WVES students. This year, one-third of our students in grades 3-8 scored at the 99th percentile in reading and/or math This is the highest level that can be measured on a standardized test. As a whole our student body continued to score in the top 20% of students across the nation in reading, language and math. Within SAU#48, our students scored above the mean grade level in each of those core subjects, as well as in science and social studies.

Our staffing budget had been cut this year to reflect a projected lower enrollment-which, in fact, never materialized. Instead, our enrollment jumped with the influx of several new-families into our town. Our staff has worked hard to meet the needs of our students within each multigrade classroom, and their efforts are reflected in the superior attitude and achievement of our students. The zest for learning here can be felt as soon as you enter the building; we invite you to visit and experience it for yourself.

This year we have concentrated our efforts in the area of community service. We all head out to clean our adopted highway, the last two miles of Route 49, three times a year. We visited the Plymouth Area Senior Center at Thanksgiving to entertain and serve dinner to over 100 senior citizens there. Just before Christmas, we paid a visit to Prince Haven Senior Apartments in Plymouth to sing, show our student-made video, "You Won't Find It Anywhere Else," and socialize at a Christmas lunch with the residents there. Our students were friendly, gracious and responsible in their roles as greeters and servers. The Seniors enjoyed them as much as they enjoyed the experience.

"You Won't Find It Anywhere Else" is available for loan from the school or the Waterville Valley Town Library. The film is a collaborative effort by all our students working with video artist Huey Coleman through the Plymouth Friends of the Arts and our school's Artist in Residence program,. It tells the story of our school - its history, and its important place in the life of our town.

Our students will play an important role in the coming century. Their ability to solve problems, to think critically and creatively and to work in cooperation with others may well assure the survival of their world and ours. Their early education provides the beginning foundation for this important job. Their families and the Waterville Valley community show how much they value this foundation by their continued support of our students and their education. Their investment will pay off in the development of active, intelligent, and responsible young citizens.

Respectfully submitted. Mary Seeger, Principal

WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998-1999 BUDGET DATA

	101	Expenditures	Appropriations	Appropriations	Appropriations Ensuin
No. (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
NSTRUCTION (1000-1999)		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
100-1199 Regular Programs	3	288,216.00	259,963.00	266,165.00	
200-1299 Special Programs	3	68,501.00	72,173.00	71,820.00	
300-1399 Vocational Programs		0.00	0.00	0.00	
400-1499 Other Instruct. Programs	-	1,451.00	1,625.00	2,375.00	
600-1699 Adult/Continuing Education		0.00	0.00	0.00	
UPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)		xxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	_xxxxxxxxxx
Pupil Services		XXXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX
2110-2119 Attendance & Social Work		0.00	0.00	0.00	ETTE V LIN TO E TOTALLI I RIL I SERBIN CHIPARINI CONTRACTORISMO
2120-2129 Guidance	3	6,796.00	4,316.00	4,139.00	Press Press Commission Press Commission Comm
2130-2139 Health		236.00	600.00	948.00	
2140-2149 Psychological		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2150-2159 Speech Path & Audiology		29,177.00	33,842.00	35,138.00	
2190-2199 Other Pupil Services		1,216.00	1,250.00	1,650.00	TO A STATE OF THE PARTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY ADDRESS OF THE
nstructional Staff Services		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2210-2219 Improvement of Instruc.		11,427.00	5,500.00	9,525.00	
2220-2229 Educational Media		10,028.00	9,236.00	13,359.00	
2290-2299 Other Instruc. Staff Services		0.00	0.00	0.00	
General Administration		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2310 School Board		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
2310 870 Contingency		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2310-2319 ALL Other Objects		11,733.00	8,712.00	7,719.00	
Office of the Superintendent		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX
2320 351 SAU Management Services		52,554.00	52,576.00	52,329.00	
2320-2329 ALL Other Objects		0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2330-2339 Special Area Adm. Serv.				0.00	
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2390-2399 Other Gen. Adm. Services					xxxxxxxxx
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2550-2559 Pupil Transportation	7,470.00	13,160.00	4,000.00	
2590-2599 Other Business Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2600-2699 Managerial Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2900-2999 Other Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3000-3999 COMMUNITY SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4000-4999 FACILITIES ACQUISIT. & CONSTRUCTION	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
5100 830 Debt Service - Principal	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	
5100 840 Debt Service - Interest	59,670.00	55,250.00	50,830.00	
Deficit Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Transfers	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
5220 to Federal Projects Fund	1,958.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
5230 To Capital Projects Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	w = =
5240 To Food Service Fund	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
5241-5249 To Special Revenue Funds (including Revolving Funds)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5250-5254 To Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5255 To Health Maint. Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5256-5259 To Other Trust Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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No. (RSA 31:4)	Art. # to 6/30/97	Approved by DRA	Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		:		
Collective Bargaining Increase	3		Included in Subtotal 1	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx

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EVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
110 Foundation Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
210 School Building Aid	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00
220 Area Vocational School	0.00	0.00	0.00
240 Catastropic Aid	6,106.77	14,342.00	5,586.00
250 Adult Education	0.00		0.00
270 Child Nutrition	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kindergarten Aid	500.00	1,500.00	750.00
Other State Aid (Specify)	0.00	0.00	0.00
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EV. FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
410 ECIA, Chapter I and II	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
430 Vocational Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
450 Adult Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
460 Child Nutrition Programs	8.00	0.00	0.00
470 Handicapped Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Forest Land	27,733.40	29,136.00	25,991.00
Other Fed Sources (Identify)	0.00		0.00
Other Federal/State Grants	1,958.20		0
OCAL REV. OTHER THAN TAXES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
100 Sale of Bonds or Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00
230 Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
250 Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
5255 Transfer from Expend Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1300-1360 Tuition	2,425.00	. 0.00	5,600.00
500-1599 Earnings on Investments	859.29	850.00	850.00
700-1799 Public Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Local Sources (Identify) Town of WV/U.E., O.T.	30,078.75	21,923.00	26,908.00
1900 Sale from Food Service	802.85	1,500.00	1,500.00

YEAR 99 BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT O	E Waterville Valley			MS26
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Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
Unreserved Fund Balance	ng-kasara a	11,069.36	38,459.00	7,400.00
Appropriations Voted From "Surplus"	offing goods	xxxxxxxxx		
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes	L guillanis es	xxxxxxxxx	Was allering	xxxxxxxxx
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		101,041.62	128,310.00	95,185.00

WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Waterville Valley School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Waterville Valley School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Waterville Valley School District as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Waterville Valley School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's Laconia. New Hampshire September 12, 1997

A copy of the Audit of the 1996-1997 School District financial transaction may be reviewed at the Superintendent of Schools Office.



